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HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 6, 2004

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, on July 1, 2004, my home state of Connecticut saw the dawning of a new political era. The cloud of controversy that had covered Connecticut in recent months was lifted as Lieutenant Governor Jodi Rell was installed as Connecticut's 87th Governor.

I have known our new governor for many years. We served together in the State Legislature and she has been lieutenant governor for nine and a half years. Jodi Rell understands government at both the legislative and executive levels. She is a leader and a hard worker. She understands that among her primary responsibilities is to bring high standards and confidence back to the office of governor. I have no doubt she will succeed.

On a sunny day last week, Governor Rell took office with a pledge of honor, respect and modesty. She spoke of the "culture of corruption" that has infected Connecticut's state government and she acknowledged that her predecessor's ethical problems had shaken the public's faith in government and belief in the dignity of public service.

Governor Rell said, "Today, we begin to restore faith, integrity and honor to our government. It is our solemn obligation. It will be our lasting legacy."

Governor Rell was gracious towards her predecessor. She said, "These have been very difficult and trying times for everyone, including Governor Rowland and his family. My thoughts and prayers are with them."

It was the proper tone for the day.

It was heartening to see officials from both sides of the aisle rally in support of the new governor. They understand that when faith in government is shaken and when our belief in the intrinsic virtue of public service is called into doubt, it is the business of everyone—regardless of political affiliation—to raise the level of dialogue and conduct. Truly, as Governor Rell stated, "The time to heal has begun."

The public deserves absolutely nothing less than the meritorious and disinterested public service of our elected officials. Connecticut's newest governor understands this and I am proud to offer her my full support.

A TRIBUTE TO JOSEPHINE AND
HENRY BOLUS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Josephine and Henry Bolus in recognition of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Josephine and Henry first met back in 1948 as junior high school students in lower Manhattan. Their courtship was interrupted when

Henry began his service in the Korean war. He was stationed in Japan but had to return home due to a family illness. While home, Henry proposed to Josephine, and the couple got married on May 11, 1954 in Harlem, NY at Mount Zion Lutheran Church.

Henry returned to Japan to continue his service to our country. He would later return, and he and Josephine would start their family in Brooklyn, NY.

Henry and Josephine have two children, Michael and Sabrina, three grandchildren, Michael, Ana Margaret, and Hector, and one great-grandchild, Jasmine.

On May 1, 2004, Josephine and Henry will come together in front of friends and family to renew their vows in celebration, love and commitment to each other.

Mr. Speaker, Josephine and Henry Bolus have dedicated their lives to each through 50 years of wonderful marriage, serving as an example to us all. As such, they are more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable couple.

TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR PHILLIP
"PHIL" JONES

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great civic leader and great Arkansan; I am honored to recognize Phil Jones in the Congress. His recent death was a great loss to his community, his family, his state, and this Nation.

Phil Jones' commitment to Northeast Arkansas was beyond compare. Mr. Jones demonstrated an energy few can match. In addition to tirelessly serving his church and his community, he is survived by his seven children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Jones was born in Jonesboro, Arkansas, and graduated from Jonesboro High School. He served his country honorably as a supply corps officer in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict and has served in a public accounting practice since the late 1950s. Mr. Jones is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Arkansas Society of Certified Public Accountants (ASCPA) and received the First Annual ASCPA Outstanding CPA in Business and Industry Award for his accomplishments in the field. Most notable in a distinguished professional career was more than 40 years of service with Hytrol Conveyor Company, most recently as vice chairman of the board of directors prior to his retirement last year.

But Mr. Jones made one of the most important realizations a member of a rural community can make: education and health care drive a region's growth. Mr. Jones graciously served on several boards affecting education issues for students ranging in age from kindergarten to college. He also served on a fund raising committee for St. Bernard's Cancer Treatment Center, as a board member of St. Bernard's Hospital Development Foundation, and as president of the Parish Council at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Mr. Jones' commitment to others did not end at our Nation's borders, however. He and

his wife, Flo, helped bring health care to the under-privileged in Mexico, Colombia and the Czech Republic.

Phil Jones knew that in order for a community to thrive, it must be supported by those within it. He was an impassioned community leader and was deeply devoted to his family. On behalf of the Congress, I extend sympathies to his family, and gratitude for all he did to make the world a better place.

HONORING JUDGE ROGER KENT
WARREN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 6, 2004

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American jurist. He not only served with great distinction on the bench, but went on to improve the quality and caseloads of other judges as well. Today I rise to acknowledge the tremendous service of Judge Roger Kent Warren, the outgoing President of the National Center for State Courts.

Judge Warren received his bachelor of arts degree from William College in 1963, and served on a Fulbright Fellowship to Iran in 1964. He was appointed as a judge to the California Municipal Court in 1976, and was elevated to the superior court in 1982. He held this post until 1993, when he became the first-ever presiding judge of the consolidated superior and municipal courts.

Judge Warren was repeatedly recognized for his excellent conduct on the bench, winning the Sacramento Judge of the Year award in 1987, 1993 and 1994; he was awarded the California Jurist of the Year award in 1995 and won the American Judges Association Award of Merit in 1996.

In March 1996, he was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Center for State Courts, a non-profit organization designed to provide courts with up-to-date information and hands-on assistance that helps our judges better serve the public. He promptly went about providing invaluable educational and consulting services to the judiciary. He formed the Assembly of Court Associations to encourage collaboration among national judicial organizations, developed initiatives such as Communities of Practice to examine the best practices for dealing with family violence, jury reform, and court performance.

On the occasion of his retirement as President and CEO of the NCSC, I rise to honor Judge Warren. The people of the United States have been fortunate to have been served by a person of his stature, and we wish him and his family the very best in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO MATTIE STEPANEK

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 6, 2004

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mattie Stepanek—a remarkable